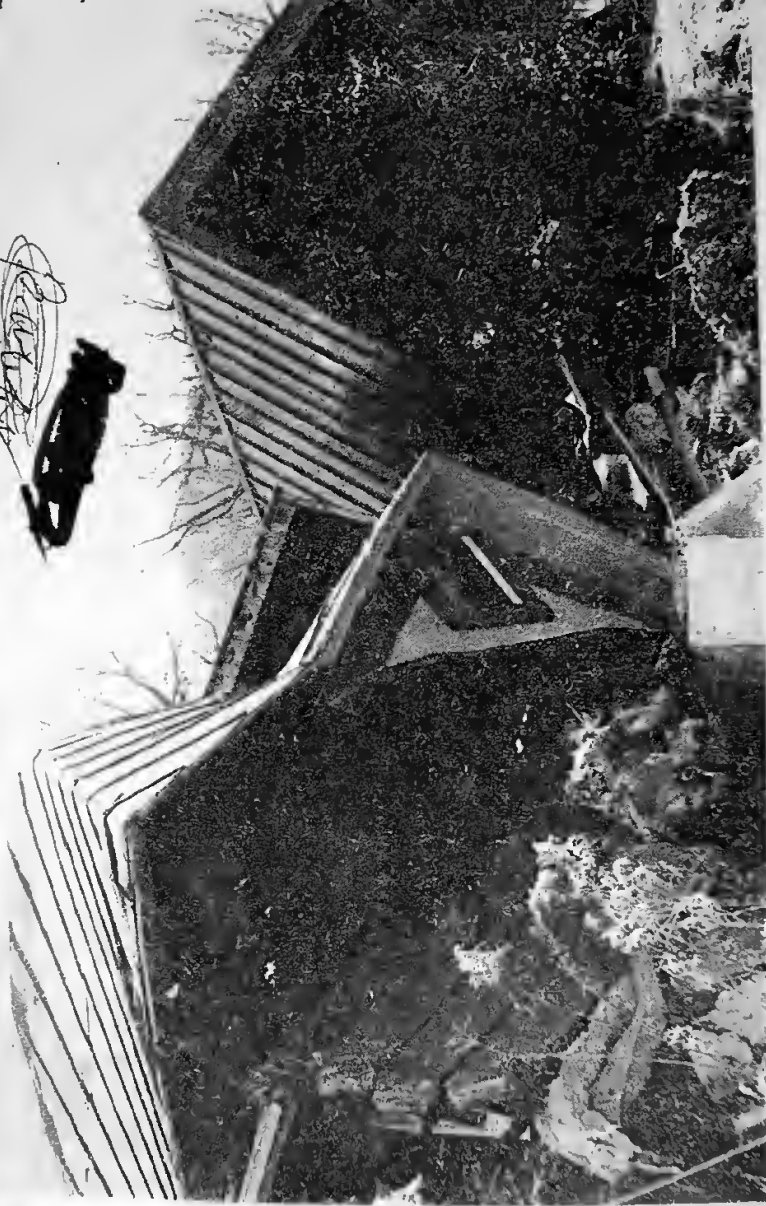


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# Trapped

## Marlinton family rescued from floating attic after 12 hours

By John C. Dean  
Staff Writer

MARLINTON — A Marlinton couple with two daughters and a 2-week-old baby sought refuge in their attic from cresting floodwaters Monday evening, and were trapped for 12 hours before being rescued.

Steve and Jane Jones along with Marlena, 6, Allison, 2, and Stephanie, 2-weeks, had no where else to turn but a small attic when water rose to the top of bunk beds where the family had gathered. Jane had returned from a hospital with Stephanie just the week before.

"We were on the couch and watched the water go up over our porch," said Jane, 22, in an interview Friday from a room at the Marlinton Motor Inn. "We then

took the kids and got on the bunk beds. We stayed there until the water got to the top rail of the bunk beds. Steve busted a hole in the ceiling and we went up in the attic."

The family's two bedroom home of three years was in the Riverside section of Marlinton along the banks of the Greenbrier River. Their car was also a flood victim.

"Steve helped me up first and then handed me the baby in her car seat," Jane said. "He then gave me the other two girls before coming up himself."

Jane said that after her husband was in the attic, he realized they had no light. "He went back down for a lantern. The water was almost up to his neck. While he was down

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tions Unlimited for bringing the  
family to safety.

"We saw some movement  
through a small vent in the house,"  
said Dale. "We took out the vent  
and enlarged the hole to bring them  
out. It was all I could do to keep  
from crying when we brought out  
the 2-week old baby."

"We were lucky," said an emo-  
tional Jane. "God had to be there  
with us. I'm just glad we're all al-  
ive."

When Jane and Steve looked at  
their home Tuesday evening, all  
that remained inside was the stove  
and sink. The refrigerator, micro-  
wave oven, kitchen cabinets and  
furniture had been pulled from the  
house by rampaging waters.

"We had a little bit of flood insur-  
ance," Jane explained. "We might  
get a trailer. I don't want to go back  
to Riverside. No way. They can  
have my three lots there if they  
want them."

Jane's mother, father and uncle  
were also rescued from an attic. A  
hole was chopped into their roof to  
remove the three. Opal and Em-  
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# 'Marlinton will never be the same'

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MARLINTON — Dazed Marlinton residents walked the streets Friday in awe of what had once been a quaint town of 1,200. Authorities continued searching for missing people who may have been swept away by record floodwaters earlier this week.

"We have people missing," Pocahontas County Sheriff Jerry Dale said Friday. "There is a problem because most people don't have phone service. Without phones, there's no one to let us know if people are safe or not. I don't want to put a number on missing people because that fuels rumors and unnecessarily gets a lot of people worried."

Four people have drowned in the county, Dale said at 10 p.m. Friday that national guardsmen and sheriff's deputies would search along a section of the Greenbrier River today for anyone caught in the flood.

The cresting Greenbrier River destroyed 500 homes and 60 businesses in Marlinton Monday night, Dale said.

"Marlinton will never be the same," said Dale. "It's very devastating, just unreal. Older folks will probably not be back. More than likely they will move in with family. Most people can't afford to rebuild and if they could, they wouldn't rebuild in Marlinton. Residents are in shock, just realizing and trying to come to grips with what happened."

Representatives from Gov. Arch Moore's office made a tour of Marlinton Friday to obtain a damage assessment.

"It's bad here," said Steve Farrington of the Federal Emergency Management Association. "We hope to have an application center set up next week for residents. They will be able to apply for grants or low inter-

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# Bodies of 2 former Crab Orchard residents recovered after flood

By John Blankenship  
Staff Writer

converted the establishment into a combination luncheon and restaurant

ments of the river. His body was recovered on Tuesday, sheriff Probst said. Another person recovered in

# Homeless get aid from flood relief workers

Associated Press

Relief workers fanned out across the flood-ravaged eastern half of West Virginia Friday, facing a "logistical nightmare" delivering emergency supplies to thousands left homeless by the most extensive flooding in state history.

"Some people are still cut off because the bridges are out," said John Gallagher of the state Highway Department. "We have to get the roads open first so we can get trucks in and put in temporary bridges."

This week's floods washed away entire communities, destroyed an estimated 4,000 homes and caused up to \$200 million in damages, officials said. At least 22 people died and 44 were listed as missing.

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ter to scores of communities whose supplies were contaminated by dead livestock and sewage from swamped treatment plants.

But Gallagher said more than 100 roads remained closed, hampering the relief efforts. And Red Cross vouchers entitling victims to purchase essential supplies proved of little use in areas where there were no stores left for miles.

"That's an obstacle that we really haven't had too much experience in dealing with," said Red Cross spokesman Jim Daw. "It's a logistical nightmare. It's so widespread and the area involved is so rural."

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Public meetings, events and organizations meet-  
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Church notice will be published on the church  
page each Sunday. Up to three notices per  
page. Notices are published at 15¢ per line  
between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to submit your item.

## Daily Calendar

Today

Annual Christmas Shopping Bag.  
Beckley Art Group. Beckley Art Con-  
tainer. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Annual holiday bazaar. Methodist  
Church. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
First Women. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Bible at the Office.

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Bible at the Office. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Sisterhood of the Holy Family. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
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esses.  
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the Winner." "Very Merry Cricket."  
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hooking on fifth floor set off alarm. No  
damages reported.  
Hospital on South Elmendor Drive.  
Dust in alarm. No fire reported.

Sunday

\* Study meeting. Presby-  
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Society for Fayette  
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## Raleigh County Jail

The following persons were jailed in  
Raleigh County during a 24-hour period  
ending at 7 p.m. Friday:

8 p.m. Billy Bob Daniels, 18, Beckley.  
charged with larceny from vehicle, jailed  
in lieu of \$500 bond set by Magistrate  
Wills, arrested by deputy Bogate.  
8:05 p.m. Jeffrey L. Cozart, 20,  
Harper, charged with indecent expo-  
sition, arrested by deputy Bogate.  
Arrested mayor Wills.  
Arrested by deputy Bogate. 8:10 p.m.  
Charles E. Davis, 40, Sarasota, Fla.,  
charged on fugitive charge, released by  
state police officers Decker, Browning  
and Fink.  
4:15 p.m. James Ray Burgess, 27, re-  
leased on fugitive warrant, bond without  
bond, arrested by deputy Mudd.

## Other Charges

The following were charged by Beck-  
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## Magistrate Court

The following actions were recorded  
Monday in the Magistrate Clerk's Office  
of Raleigh County:

Magistrate Whitley  
(Nov. 6 activities)  
William Bower, Coal City, charged  
with driving under the influence of alco-  
hol, found guilty, appealed to county  
court, complaint filed by deputy flat-  
field  
Magistrate Wills  
(Nov. 7 activities)

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est loans."  
No damage estimate was avail-  
able Friday, but Dale said "it will  
be in the millions."

At night only property owners are  
allowed to walk in the city. "Any-  
one who doesn't have a reason to be  
in town after dark are taken out."

Dale said 150 national guardsmen  
have been in this Pocahontas  
community of 1,200 since  
early Tuesday. Dale said he would  
ask that they stay for another  
month.

Water and electrical services  
have been restored in Marlinton.  
but telephone service has not. Wa-  
ter must be boiled before drinking.  
Law enforcement and emergency  
services personnel do have tele-  
phone service. Marlinton residents  
waited in line Friday to use six out-  
side telephones installed by Allele.

At 2 p.m. Friday, Dr. John Sharp  
was calling hospitals for more let-  
ting vaccines. Sharp and Jane  
Haglund, the county's health nurse,  
had administered 150 shots.

"We need to give at least a few  
hundred more tetanus shots," Sharp  
said. "Everybody needs it, espe-  
cially those who have been working  
in the flood with cuts."

The flood's destructive force was  
depressingly evident along the  
Grafton River, where as many  
as ten homes and 15 trailers were  
washed off foundations. A 50-foot  
section of pavement was com-  
pletely uprooted. Some residents  
were beginning their third day of  
cleaning.

"I don't think things will ever get  
back to normal," said Delores Buz-  
zard, who was cleaning furniture  
from her mother's home.

In the northern section of Poca-  
hontas County, the towns of Poca-  
hontas and Green Bank also suffered  
heavy damage, Dale said.  
On the outskirts of Waloga State  
Park in Seebert, 16 miles from Mar-

linton, a bridge which crosses the  
Greenbrier was washed away by  
flooding.

"There are 3,500 vacation homes  
in Pocahontas County," the sheriff  
said. "A lot of those are along the  
Greenbrier. I've been there and  
most places are just gone."

Dale said looters were causing  
problems throughout the county.  
"We've made several arrests and  
will prosecute to the fullest extent,"  
he said.

Pocahontas Memorial Hospital in  
Marlinton remained empty Friday  
as personnel continued cleanup op-  
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Tuesday to Denmar State Hospital  
and Hurricane Hospital in Fairlea,  
the hospital, however, was serving  
as a center for people with minor  
injuries.

Unsalvageable goods lined Main  
Street as store owners tried to  
shovel mud as thick as four inches  
from their businesses.

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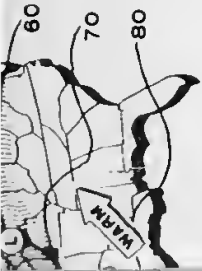
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Mitchell, the owner's son, said 24  
new and 10 used cars were de-  
stroyed by the flood. "There was no  
advance warning," he said.

Bank of Marlinton employees  
Kim Waugh, Kathy Irvine and Di-  
ane Sparks crouched on a sidewalk  
as they tried to salvage 24 years of  
film containing bank records and  
transactions.

"We have absolutely worked our  
asses off this week," Waugh said.  
Inside the bank, workers were  
drilling into a side wall, trying to  
get into the vault. The vault could  
not be opened in the usual manner,  
Sparks said.

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